

Interpretive Programs And Other Park Events!

Indiana Dunes State Park

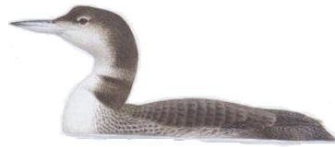
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November Nature Center Hours: 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CST

Tuesdays-Sunday, Closed Mondays

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All programs are free (unless otherwise noted) and open to the public after paying the park entrance fee. Our interpretive programs are designed to entertain and enrich folks of all ages. Children under 12, please bring a parent with you.

Saturday November 1

10am Fall Color Foray! Fall is a great time to visit the Dune forests... no mosquitoes! Meet at the Nature Center for a spectacular look at the duneland fall color from atop Mt. Jackson. We'll be out for about an hour. DG

3pm Winged Migration. Join us in the Nature Center auditorium for this amazing 90 minute documentary, which won the academy award for best documentary. Fly along side the birds! Seating, first come, first serve.

Sunday November 2

Daylight Savings Ends Today!

10am Feed the Birds. Join the Naturalist outside the Nature Center for the daily feeding of our birds. Get up close encounters with juncos, chickadees and more! DG

1pm Makin' Tracks- Add some more skills to your toolbox by learning how to identify common animal tracks. You'll also get a chance to make some tracks of your own to take with you. 30 min. program at the Nature Center. DG

Thursday November 6

6pm Reducing Your Holiday Waste Workshop.

It is estimated that between Thanksgiving and the New Year an extra 5 million tons of waste are generated nationwide. This special workshop, hosted by The Recycling and Waste Reduction District of Porter County will explore innovative and eco-friendly gift ideas, wrapping ideas, and more. Workshop takes place in the Nature Center Auditorium. Pre-register at: 219-465-3694

Friday November 7

1pm Singing Sands Pre-School Hour! Join us each Friday in the month of November as we explore nature with kids 3-5 years of age. Registration is limited to 15 kids and pre-registration closes the Thursday before each program. Children will learn a new topic every week, with activities, stories, and a short nature hike. \$5 program fee payable the day of the program or \$15 for all four. Call (219) 926-1390 to sign up. ***This week's topic: Dinosaurs!***



Saturday November 8

10am November Wetlands Walk. Come explore why November in the marsh is a special place! Meet the Naturalist at the Nature Center for this easy, 45-minute hike. Join us! DG

2pm Geocaching Jaunt. Join us for a scavenger hunt with a techno twist! We'll explore the world of GPS use and geocaching, while looking for hidden treasures. Prizes for everyone! Meet outside the Nature Center. DG

Sunday November 9

10am Birds of the November Gale! Bundle up and join the Naturalist at the Nature Center for an hour stroll through the dune woodlands. We'll be looking for late fall migrants and some of our winter feathered friends. Bring binoculars, or borrow a pair of ours. BB

2pm Conversation with a Rattlesnake! Slither into the Nature Center Auditorium for a close up look at some duneland snakes, including the rare massasauga rattlesnake. Great program, especially if you are uncomfortable around these reptiles. BB

Thursday November 13

6pm Green Your Recycling Workshop. In honor of America Recycle's Day, come learn the rules of recycling. This special workshop, hosted by The Recycling and Waste Reduction District of Porter County will explore the ins and outs of recycling at the curb, where to recycle, and more. Workshop takes place in the Nature Center Auditorium. Pre-register at: 219-465-3694

Friday November 14

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Saturday November 15

10am A Nutty Hike. Explore what all the squirrels and woodpeckers are going crazy about this morning! Join the Naturalist at the Nature Center for an hour stroll through the dune woodlands as we explore the nuts, acorns, and other hard masts that signal fall's return. Join us! BB

2:30pm The Cranes of JP: A Field Trip Tour! Come visit Indiana's largest wildlife spectacle this evening with the state park naturalists! Registration is required for this special trip, as we visit the crane migration at Jasper Pulaski Fish and Wildlife Area (~45 minute ride). Short introduction starts at the Nature Center, before loading up for the trip. We will be back by 6pm. Registration fee is \$10.00 and includes the ride, tour guide, and snacks along the way. Hurry, limited spots available!

Sunday November 16

9:30am Breakfast with the Birds. Join us for our monthly birds and breakfast. We meet once a month in the Nature Center bird observation room for a short discussion, and then head off on the trail in search of the morning's birds. Free coffee and donuts! Join us! BB

2pm Winged Migration. Fly with the birds! Come flock to the Nature Center for this amazing 90 minute documentary on bird migration. It won the Academy Award for best documentary a few years ago. Seating first come, first serve.

**The Nature Center will be closed on
November 17th and 18th for the DNR
controlled deer reduction. The park will
reopen November 19th**



Thursday November 20

6pm Shop Smart Workshop- Resolving to be a Greener Shopper! A family of four can save \$2,000 a year in the supermarket by choosing larger sizes instead of individual serving sizes. This special workshop, hosted by The Recycling and Waste Reduction District of Porter County will explore smart eco-friendly shopping, while reducing waste and saving money! Workshop takes place in the Nature Center Auditorium. Pre-register at: 219-465-3694

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1pm Singing Sands Pre-School Hour! Join us each Friday in the month of November as we explore nature with kids 3-5 years of age. Registration is limited to 15 kids and pre-registration closes the Thursday before each program. Children will learn a new topic every week, with activities, stories, and a short nature hike. \$5 program fee payable the day of the program or \$15 for all four. Call (219) 926-1390 to sign up. ***This week's topic: Turkeys!***

Saturday November 22

10am Dune's Creek Stroll. Explore the power of water this morning. Meet at the Campground Gate for an hour stroll along Dune's Creek to the parking lot disaster of earlier this fall. Hike will end at the beach. Join us! BB

2pm Turkey Talk! Talk turkey with the Naturalist today. We'll test your turkey trivia and learn a little about the turkeys of the Indiana Dunes. Smart turkey talkers can win some turkey charms to take home! Great family fun! BB

Sunday November 23

10am Feed the Birds. Join the Naturalist outside the Nature Center for the daily feeding of our birds. Get up close encounters with juncos, chickadees and more! BB

2pm A Dam November Hike! Fall is a great time to visit the Dune swamps... no mosquitoes! Tag along with the naturalist as we explore the Dune wetlands and take a glimpse at the beaver's lodge. Meet at the Nature Center for this hour stroll. DG

**The Nature Center will be closed on
November 27th to observe Thanksgiving,
but will re-open November 28th.**

Friday November 28

10am Shopping Day Stroll! Take a break from the morning shopping and join us at the Nature Center for a look at what's out and about on this crisp day. We'll visit Mt. Tom, and come back on Trail 7. Join us! BB

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Saturday November 29

10am Dune's Creek Stroll. Explore the power of water this morning. Meet at the Campground Gate for an hour stroll along Dune's Creek to the parking lot disaster of earlier this fall. Hike will end at the beach. Join us! BB

2pm Turkey Talk! Talk turkey with the Naturalist today. We'll test your turkey trivia and learn a little about the turkeys of the Indiana Dunes. Smart turkey talkers can win some turkey charms to take home! Great family fun! BB

Sunday November 30

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***Join us for Duneland Winter Birding Days,
December 6th and 7th! Live birds of prey,
bird walks, bird banding, and more! Mark
your calendars now!***